

State of Maine



WHEREAS, 793 million people in the world today cannot read or write and twenty percent of adults in the United States read at or below a fifth grade reading level; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read and write affords children strength and resilience, allows adults to compete in the global economy, lays the groundwork for families to achieve better health outcomes, and strengthens democracy; and

WHEREAS, reading aloud encourages a love of reading in adults and children, and increases prospects for success in school, the workforce, and society; and

WHEREAS, World Read Aloud Day is a day when all people around the world are invited to unite their voices and celebrate the power of sharing words and stories, sending the message that we want all children to grow up as readers and writers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL LEPAGE, do hereby proclaim March 7th 2012 as

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this seventh
day of February Two-Thousand Twelve


Paul R. LePage
Governor




Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State

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